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November 30, 2012

## **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock -QC

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

Debbie Chacona AC
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Jodi Winship/Sari Pickerall

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 October Quarterly Report (Non-

Election Sensitive) for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2012 October Quarterly Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). The 2012 October Quarterly Report was due on October 15, 2012.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report no more than thirty (30) they after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

#### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2012 OCTOBER QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 10/15/2012 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH Federal Election Commission

RTB Penalty	\$135	\$2,970		\$145	\$550	0665	066\$
LOA	000'9\$	\$50,586 (est)		\$11,803	\$15,938	\$45,437 (est)	\$42,476 (est)
Days Late	91	Not Filed	•	7	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed
Receipt Date	10/31/2012		į	10/22/2012	11/19/2012		
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Threshold	\$439,695	\$151,759	-	\$826,596	\$103,304	\$181,748	\$169,903
Treasurer	JOSHUA A. TARDY	NATHAN		P.R. CLATWORTHY	STEPHANIE	DR. CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ	AMPARO O. OXNER
Candidate Name	BENNETT, RICHARD A	BELTZ, ERNIE ALAN JR		HALL, CLARK MADISON	BUYER, CONGRESSMAN STEVE	HICKS, ERIN KATHLEEN	OXNER, MARK ANTHONY
Committee Name	BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ JR FOR US CONGRESS		ELECT CLARK HALL	HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS	KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS	MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS
Committee	2573   C00516468	C00508705		2581   C00504845	2583   C00255471	2586   C00507590	2590   C00503359
AF#	2573	2576		2581	2583	2586	2590

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	RTB Penalty	\$110
	FOA	£4,097
	Days Late	17
	Receipt Date	11/1/2012
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	Threshold	\$161,597
	Treasurer Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late	JUAN E. RIVERA. CPA
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	Candidate Name	TORRES, SALOMON R
	Committee Name Candidate Name	SALOMON
	Candidate	TORRES, SALOMON

\$6,187	\$2,970	\$215
\$110,712 (est)	\$62,145 (est)	\$13,131
Not Filed	Not Filed	21
		11/5/2012
-	0	0
\$221,423	\$310,727	\$140,452
RODRIGUEZ	TERRY A. WHITE	RHONDA
SALAZAR, STEVE	WHITE, TERRY A	GRIFFIN, KY DOUGLAS
STEVE SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	2600 C00494773 TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA	2801 C00509596 TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN
2597 C00518027	C00494773	C00509596
7652	2600	2601

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of  Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012  October Quarterly Report (Non-Election  Sensitive) for the Administrative Fine  Program:	))))	
BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, and JOSHUA A TARDY as treasurer;	)	AF# 2573
COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ JR FOR US CONGRESS, and NATHAN CHRISTOPHER as treasurer;	) )	AF# 2576
ELECT CLARK HALL, and CLATWORTHY, P.R. as treasurer;	)	AF# 2581
HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS, and MATTIX, STEPHANIE as treasurer;	)	AF# 2583
KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS, and DR CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ as treasurer:	)	AF# 2586

RHONDA GRIFFIN as treasurer;

MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 2590
AMPARO O OXNER as treasurer; )

SALOMON TORRES FOR CONGRESS, and JUAN E RIVERA CPA as treasurer; )

STEVE SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 2597
ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ as treasurer; )

TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA, and TERRY A WHITE as treasurer; )

TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN, and AF# 2601

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on December 04, 2012 the Commission took the
following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 October

Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive) for the Administrative Fine Program as
recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated November 30,
2012, on the following committees:

AF#2573 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, and JOSHUA A TARDY as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines December 04, 2012

AF#2576 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ JR FOR US CONGRESS, and NATHAN CHRISTOPHER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2581 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ELECT CLARK HALL, and CLATWORTHY, P.R. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines December 04, 2012

AF#2583 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS, and MATTIX, STEPHANIE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2586 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS, and DR CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2590 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS, and AMPARO O OXNER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2595 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that SALOMON TORRES FOR CONGRESS, and JUAN E RIVERA CPA as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2597 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that STEVE SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS, and ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2600 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA, and TERRY A WHITE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2601 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN, and RHONDA GRIFFIN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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Attest:

December 4, 2012

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



December 5, 2012

Nathan Christopher, in official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress 610 Brazos Street, Suite 210 Austin, TX 78701

C00508705 AF#: 2576

Dear Mr. Christopher:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file an October Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through September 30, 2012, shall be filed no later than October 15, 2012. 2 U.S.C. 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On December 4, 2012, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 15, 2012. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$2,970. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$2,970 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by January 13, 2013, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$50,586 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

## 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrativo Review, 999 E Street,

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NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or January 13, 2013. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and boyond your control include, but app unt limited to, (1) a failure of Commission contourers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

# 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil muney penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

## 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Caroni C. Hunter

Caroline C. Hunter

Chair

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$2,970 for the 2012 October Quarterly Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by January 13, 2013. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

#### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

## PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress

FEC ID#: C00508705

AF#: 2576

PAYMENT DUE DATE: January 13, 2013

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$2,970

#### RECEIVED FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARIAT



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February 22, 2013

#### **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

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Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program -Final Determination Recommendation for the

2012 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive)

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2012 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive). The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money menuity. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, seventeen (17) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. Of these, thirteen (13) committees will be assessed a civil money penalty nt Final Determination (FD) that has been reduced since the RTB finding, and four (4) committees will be assessed a civil money penalty of \$0 at FD. An overview of each of these cases has been provided below.

Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz, Jr. for US Congress (AF 2576) filed the 2012 Termination Report with coverage dates including the October Quarterly period after the RTB finding and disclosed no activity (previously estimated to be \$50,586), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$2,970).

Kathleen Hicks for Congress (AF 2586) filed the 2012 October Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed no activity (previously estimated to be \$45,437), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$990).

Steve Salazar for Congress (AF 2597) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$110,712), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$6,187).

Terry White for Indiana (AF 2600) filed the 2012 Termination Report with coverage dates including the October Quarterly period after the RTB finding and disclosed no activity (previously estimated to be \$62,145), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$2,970).

In addition, two (2) committees detailed below designated a new Treasurer after the RTB finding:

• Terry White for Indiana (AF 2600) filed an Amended Statement of Organization designating Philip Schnautz as Treasurer (see second list).

#### **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make final determination that the political committees and their treasurers on the attached reports violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Make final determination that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the attached reports with no activity, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Paid
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Amount Paid	\$135	\$145	055\$	086\$	\$110	\$215
Date Paid	01/15/2013	12/26/2012	01/08/2013	01/14/2013	01/16/2013	\$215   01/08/2013
Final Money Penalty	\$135	\$145	\$550	088\$	\$110	\$215
Receipt Days Late LOA PV RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Date	\$135	\$145	099\$	086\$	\$110	\$215
RTB Date	0 12/04/2012	12/04/2012	12/04/2012	12/04/2012	0 12/04/2012	<b>  \$13,131   0   12/04/2012</b>
<b>₽</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOA	\$6,000	\$11,803	\$15,938	\$28,466	\$4,097	\$13,131
Days Late	16	7	Not Filed	Not Filed	17	21
Receipt Date	10/31/2012	10/22/2012	11/19/2012	12/18/2012	11/01/2012	11/05/2012
Tressurer	JOSHUA A. TARDY 10/31/2012	P.R. CLATWORTHY   10/22/2012	STEPHANIE MATTIX 11/19/2012 Not Filed \$15,938	AMPARO O. OXNER 12/18/2012 Not Filed \$28,466 0 12/04/2012	JUAN E. RIVERA, CPA 11/01/2012	RHONDA GRIFFIN   11/05/2012
Committee ID	C00516468	C00504845	C00255471	C00503359	C00509620	C00509596
Candidate Name	BENNETT, RICHARD A	HALL, CLARK MADISON	BUYER, CONGRESSMAN STEVE	OXNER, MARK ANTHONY C00503359	TORRES, SALOMON	GRIFFIN, KY DOUGLAS C00509596
Committee Name	BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE	ELECT CLARK HALL	HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS	MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS	SALOMON TORRES FOR CONGRESS	2801 TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN
AF#	2573	2581	2583	2590	2595	2801

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FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid
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FD Penalty	NON	NON	NONE	NONE
Days Since RTB	8	8	08	86
RTB Penalty	\$2,970	0888	\$6,187	\$2,970
RTB Date RTB Penalty Days Since	12/04/2012	12/04/2012	12/04/2012	12/04/2012
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Days Late	Not Filed	Not Fired	Not Filed	Not Filed
. Receipt Date	02/05/2013	01/03/2013		01/11/2013
Treasurer	NATHAN CHRISTOPHER	C00507590 DR. CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ 01/03/2013	ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ	PHILIP SCHNAUTZ
Committee	C00508705	C00507590	C00518027	C00494773
Candidate Name	BELTZ, ERNIE ALAN JR	HICKS, ERIN KATHLEEN	SALAZAR, STEVE	WHITE, TERRY A
Committee Name	COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ JR FOR US CONCRESS	KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS	STĒVĒ SĀLAZAR FOR CONGRESS	2600 TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA
AF#	2576	2586	2597	2800

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of  Administrative Fine Program - Final  Determination Recommendation for the  2012 October Quarterly Report (Non- Election Sensitive):	)))))	
BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, and JOSHUA A. TARDY as treasurer;	)	AF# 2573
COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ IR FOR US CONGRESS, and NATHAN CHRISTOPHER as treasurer;	)	AF# 2576
ELECT CLARK HALL, and CLATWORTHY, P.R. as treasurer;	)	AF# 2581
HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS, and MATTIX, STEPHANIE as treasurer;	)	AF# 2583
KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS, and DR CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ as reasurer;	)	AF# 2586

RHONDA GRIFFIN as treasurer;

MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 2590
AMPARO O OXNER as treasurer;

SALOMON TORRES FOR CONGRESS, AF# 2595
and JUAN E RIVERA CPA as treasurer;

STEVE SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 2597
ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ as treasurer;

TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA, and AF# 2600
PHILIP SCHNAUTZ as treasurer;

TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN, and AF# 2601

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on February 26, 2013 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination

Recommendation for the 2012 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive) as

recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated February 22,

2013, on the following committees:

AF#2573 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BENNETT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, and JOSHUA A. TARDY as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2576 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERNIE BELTZ JR FOR US CONGRESS, and NATHAN CHRISTOPHER as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2581 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that ELECT CLARK HALL, and CLATWORTHY, P.R. as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2583 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that HOOSIERS SUPPORTING BUYER FOR CONGRESS, and MATTIX, STEPHANIE as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2586 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that KATHLEEN HICKS FOR CONGRESS, and DR CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintranb voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2590 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that MARK OXNER FOR CONGRESS, and AMPARO O OXNER as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2595 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that SALOMON TORRES FOR CONGRESS, and JUAN E RIVERA CPA as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2597 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that STEVE SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS, and ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2600 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that TERRY WHITE FOR INDIANA, and PHILIP SCHNAUTZ as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2601 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that TEXANS FOR KY GRIFFIN, and RHONDA GRIFFIN as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and

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Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Peterson, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



February 27, 2013

Nathan Christopher, in official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress P.O. Box 171273
Austin, TX 78717

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Dear Mr. Christopher:

On December 4, 2012, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2012 October Quarterly Report. By letter dated December 5, 2012, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the preliminary civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$2,970 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

Since that time, the amount of the civil maney penalty has been changed to reflect the actual level of activity of the 2012 October Quarterly Report. The FEC made a final determination on February 26, 2013 that Committee to Elect Ernie Beltz Jr for US Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a), assessed no civil money penalty in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 CFR § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

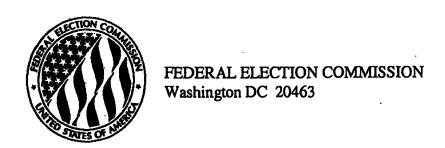
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sari Pickerall on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Eller L. Weintraul

Ellen L. Weintraub

Chair



THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 2576

DATE SCANNED 3-25-13

SCANNER NO. 2

SCAN OPERATOR JULY